

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 41-49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-11 are amended for further clarity and to satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the Final Rejection.¹ New claims 41-49 are added. Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in paragraph [0068], for example. Support for the new claims may be found in paragraph [0036] and Fig. 2, for example. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives Kip Werking and Daniel Tucker by Examiner Hung during the February 5, 2008 personal interview are appreciated. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the remarks below.

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 9-11. These claims have been amended to obviate the Office Action's objections. Withdrawal of the objections to these claims is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro (U.S. 5,748,773) in view of Sindhu (U.S. 6,175,650)²; claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro and Sindhu and further in view of Kasutani (U.S. 7,236,652) and Sampath (U.S. 6,665,425); claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath and further in view of TIFF6 (TIFF Revision 6.0, June 03, 1992, pp. 8, 9, 13-16); claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro and Sindhu and further in view of Chen (U.S. 6,941,121) and Maeda (U.S. 5,682,466); and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro and Sindhu and further in view of Newman (U.S. 6,603,483) and Milton (U.S. 2003/0117639). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

¹ As discussed during the personal interview, claims 1-7 and 9-11 have been amended to recite "color calibration profiles" for further clarity.

The Office Action asserts that Tashiro discloses color characterization profiles.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Tashiro does not disclose or suggest that the color calibration profile alters a chrominance value, as recited in claim 1.

As discussed during the personal interview, the luminance conversion tables in Tashiro Figs. 12-14 do not alter a value of chrominance. Rather, they alter luminance values which are determined by averaging values for red, blue and green. See col. 6, line 16: "Dout=(Rin+Gin+Bin)/3". Accordingly, Tashiro does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton are silent regarding the color calibration profile altering a chrominance value, as recited in claim 1. Thus, Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1. Claims 2-11 ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-11. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

New claims 41-49 ultimately depend from claim 1. Thus, new claims 41-49 are allowable based on their dependency and also based on the additional subject matter they recite. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 41-49 are allowable for

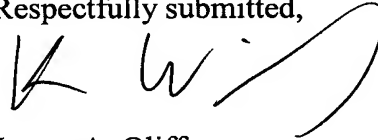
² At the beginning of paragraph 8, the Office Action states that the rejection is under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, the context makes clear that the rejection is under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

the same reasons explained in the February 5, 2008 personal interview and in the February 15, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection regarding the spatial characteristic being "based on a positioning of at least one pixel relative to another pixel".³

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 and 41-49 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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³ Applicants wish to preserve this argument for the purpose of appeal, should appeal be necessary.